(b) the target for survey report of the said works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) A survey for gauge conversion of Bilimora-Waghai with extension upto Manmad has been taken up and is likely to be completed in the year 2010-11. Further, from Manmad to Daund, a broad gauge line already exists.

Gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nagpur rail line

†3797. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 856 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10 July, 2009 and state:

(a) whether granting approval to detailed estimate and granting approval to the amount is one and same thing, or two distinct processes;

(b) if both are distinct processes, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not fixing target for completion of Chhindwara-Nagpur gauge conversion project in tribal areas; and

(d) whether Government would consider finishing this project early since this project is related to development of tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Detailed estimate is sanctioned for a particular amount.

(c) and (d) The completion of project would depend upon availability of resources and other factors. In absence of assured funding, target could not be fixed.

Upgradation of stations in South Central Railway

3798. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need for a face lift of many railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise especially in South Central Railway;

(c) the amount spent on each zone during the last three years compared to South Central Railway; and

(d) the future programmes identified therefor for South Central Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Improvement to stations including face-lifting is an on-going activity and works in this regard are undertaken as and when required through Annual Works Programme. Zone-wise details in this regard, including South Central Railway, are as under:

Sl. No.	Railway	No. of Stations identified	Expenditure (Fig. in thousands of Rupees)		
			2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1.	Central Railway	47	346300	510900	683900
2.	Eastern Railway	38	379400	600800	682500
3.	Northern Railway	49	407700	693300	1033200
4.	North Eastern Railway	29	233000	265500	199800
5.	Northeast Frontier Railway	45	338300	478000	309100
6.	Southern Railway	47	444600	761000	873900
7.	South Central Railway	56	398800	1167800	1707800
8.	South Eastern Railway	37	99300	136000	212300
9.	Western Railway	56	287700	434400	754900
10.	East Central Railway	50	223500	275300	227900
11.	East Coast Railway	29	114300	194200	287200
12.	North Central Railway	29	80400	183400	264200
13.	North Western Railway	38	213300	231800	218400
14.	Southeast Central Railway	29	169800	157200	119500
15.	South Western Railway	29	192300	406200	426000
16.	West Central Railway	29	140500	169200	209100
17.	Metro Railway		9900	19900	21200
	TOTAL:	637	4079100	6684900	8230900

Charging of superfast surcharge on non-superfast trains

3799. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several superfast trains clock less than 55 km. per hour average whereas passengers are charged superfast surcharges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to stop this unfair practice; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.